

THE CANADIAN PRESS ON LOVELL'S GENERAL GEOGRAPHY.

From John Smith, Esq., Head Master of the High School.

ST. JOHNS, C.E., 1st May, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—Pray do not construe my silence, in not replying before to your polite communications, to any want of interest in such a work as "Lovell's General Geography." On the contrary, I feel much interested in its appearance, and I accord to it my unqualified approbation. It is just the work wanted. We have now a true representative of our magnificent Provinces. The plan of the work is excellent, and the definitions are accurate. The maps, I think, are a little crowded, but the pictorials make it a gem. In every respect, I consider it a valuable contribution to our school literature, and so much am I impressed with it as a work of merit that I believe it will soon become a favorite text-book in our schools generally.

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

JOHN SMITH.

Mr. John Lovell, Montreal.

From R. S. M. Bouchette, Esq., Commissioner of Customs.

QUEBEC, 2nd March, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—I have perused and examined, as attentively as the little leisure at my disposal would permit, your "General Geography for the use of Schools," and in compliance with the wish you have expressed to have my opinion amongst others, as to how far the publication in question is calculated to attain the object you have in view,—that of supplying the requirements of the country as regards this branch of educational works,—I have great pleasure in assuring you that, in my humble judgment, your "General Geography" appears to be so judicious in its arrangement and order, so lucid in its definitions and descriptions; combining copiousness of information with brevity and simplicity, yet clearness and even elegance of expression; that I cannot for a moment doubt that the work in question will prove of the greatest utility in our schools. The illustrations are equally worthy of all praise. If anything, however, could add to their completeness, it would be, in my opinion, the marking *still* more strongly the names of countries and their principal divisions; but this is a very subordinate point, for looking at the scale of the Maps, it seems to me impossible to obtain from wood engravings greater details and greater distinctness.

Wishing you every success, and requesting that you will be so good as to send me two copies of the work,

I am, dear Sir, your obedient servant,

R. S. M. BOUCHETTE.

From James Stevenson, Esq., Manager of the Quebec Branch of the Bank of Montreal.

QUEBEC, 2nd March, 1861.

SIR,—I have to thank you for the specimen copy of your "General Geography."

The work contains much valuable information, which I consider well arranged and well adapted for the use of Schools.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,

J. STEVENSON.

Mr. John Lovell, Montreal.

From Thomas Worthington, Esq., Assistant Commissioner of Customs and of Excise.

QUEBEC, 23th February, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—That your "General Geography," with maps and illustrations, will have the tendency to advance the important objects which it proposes is unquestionable. It is intelligent, practical, and highly interesting. I wish you every success in the undertaking.

Yours very respectfully,

Mr. John Lovell, Montreal.

THOS. WORTHINGTON.

From John Simpson, Esq., M.P.P.

NIAGARA, 27th February, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—I was much gratified by the receipt of a specimen number of your "Geography," and trust the publication thereof will prove as profitable to yourself, as I feel sure its use in our Schools will be acceptable to the teachers and beneficial to the pupils.

I submitted the work to the inspection of the Rev. Dr. Philipps, Head Master of the Grammar School here, and Mr. John Connor, Principal of our Common Schools, and enclose you the opinions of these experienced gentlemen.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

Mr. John Lovell, Montreal.

JOHN SIMPSON.

NIAGARA, 21st February, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—I feel obliged to you for giving me an opportunity of seeing "Lovell's General Geography." I am delighted to find that such a work is in an advanced state, and to show my entire approbation of the work, I shall be ready on its publication, if authorized by the Board of Council of Education, to take at least 30 copies, thus supplying each boy in the Grammar School under my charge with a copy.

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

H. N. PHILLIPPS,

Principal, Niagara Senior County Grammar School.

J. Simpson, Esq., M.P.P.

NIAGARA, 26th February, 1861.

SIR,—Having looked over the American part of "Lovell's General Geography," I consider it better adapted for our Colonial Schools than any Geography now in use.

An abridgment, pretty full in the Canadian department, for junior classes, is also desirable.

If the Maps had a simple clear outline, free from all shading except that got by coloring, they would be much more serviceable. Such shading on small maps "doth but encumber what it seems to enrich."

Yours respectfully,

JOHN CONNOR,

J. Simpson, Esq., M.P.P.

Principal, Niagara Common School.

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We have received a copy of a new and very useful School Book. The plan is excellent. The first chapter gives a succinct description of the Earth as a planet; and of the various terms used by Geographers; together with some leading ideas respecting the distribution of the objects forming the three Kingdoms of Nature, and of the political and religious divisions of mankind. Then come the several Continents, illustrated by maps, with explanations of their physical features in respect to rivers, mountains, &c., and an account of their political divisions, populations, religious creeds, and so forth. The wood engravings show the characteristics of the vegetable and animal life in each Continent; and comprise sketches of some leading towns, cities, and works of art. The subdivisions of the continent into the several territories which compose them, are treated on a similar plan. Among the engravings we find pictures of London, Dublin, Edinburgh, Paris, and many other leading cities, and of remarkable buildings, and natural objects, such as the Falls of Niagara, and the Chaudière. The chief point worthy of remark in this Geography is, however, the great space taken up with our own country—that branch of geography, which it is most important for a young Canadian to acquire; but almost of all branches, that which he has the least opportunity to acquire from books published in other countries. We have now a Geography whence our young people will acquire a correct idea of the country they live in, and which will assert in the face of the world our right to consideration and respect.—*Montreal Herald*.

We congratulate Canadian teachers and children on at last having a Geography suited to their own requirements. Our children will have no longer to depend either upon English geographies, very particular in giving information upon every little town in the mother country but from which a pupil would learn little respecting the Colonies, beyond the fact that England possessed such dependencies; or upon American

text-books. We think Mr. Hodgins has succeeded in compiling a Geography, which is not only a great improvement on all that have been hitherto in use in our schools, but is as nearly perfect as is possible in a Geography for *general* use, necessarily compressing a great deal of matter into few words, both to prevent the overtaxing the memory of the pupil (a point much neglected in some favorite geographies) and to make the price of the volume within the reach of every child. In this last particular we fear Mr. Lovell has hardly done himself justice. We do not see how a work so carefully compiled, with 51 maps, 112 pretty wood cuts, and a table of the clocks of the world, can be afforded for one dollar. Only the most extensive circulation can compensate Mr. Lovell. It remains for the parents of Canada to show their gratitude for his exertions in behalf of their children, by seeing that the book is placed in their hands. For the children, and therefore for the parents and the country, Mr. Lovell has done a work for which no money can pay.—*Montreal Gazette*.

LOVELL'S GENERAL GEOGRAPHY.—Mr. Lovell, our excellent fellow-citizen, deserves well of the community for the public spirit which he is continually exhibiting in printing works, not of an ephemeral, but of an abiding character; of universal utility, but especially relating to Canada. In doing so, he serves a double purpose, first, the employment of a large number of artisans, and secondly, the supplying the market adequately, and at moderate prices, with books of a standard character. The Elementary School Books of Mr. Lovell are excellent; the very best indeed that can be put into the hands of pupils. In short, he has really stood alone as a benefactor to the literature of the country. But for none of the various productions that have emanated from Mr. Lovell's press, is he entitled to higher merit than for the last, his "General Geography." It really supplies a *desideratum* in our schools, and conveys a mass of intelligence that we could scarcely have expected to find in so